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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

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CB - converted boxcar

B - boxcar

F - flatcar

G - gondola car

SSy - heavy-duty flatcars

RRym

1. The following troop trains were observed between 28 July and 1 August 1955:

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Date	Number of Cars	From	To
28 July	undetermined with 18 x 152-mm gun howitzers towed by YA-12 prime movers	Tangerhütte	Schwerin
	2 B, 56 F with 7 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 4 x 57-mm AT guns, YA-12 prime movers and 41 trucks	Tangerhütte	Rostock
29 July	3 SSy with 1 JS-3 tank and 2 T-34 tanks	Haldensleben	Schwerin
night of 1 August	9 CB with soldiers wearing black epaulets, 2 B, sealed, 9 F with 9 x 100-mm AT guns, 1 SSy with 1 JS-3 tank exceeding the scheduled load, and 5 RRym with 5 T-34 tanks	Haldensleben	Schwerin

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## 2. Troop trains observed between 18 and 30 July included:

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<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
18	4 CB with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, 3 B with equipment, and an undetermined number of F with 8 canvas-covered T-34 tanks, 8 trucks and 1 repair shop truck	Altengrabow	Mahlwinkel 3
	1 CB with soldiers, and an undetermined number of F with 4 x 85-mm AA guns and 7 trucks	Halberstadt	Schwerin 4
19	5 CB with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 B, and an undetermined number of F with 5 T-34 tanks and 5 trucks with equipment	Dessau	Stendal 5
22	11 CB with soldiers, 5 B with equipment, and an undetermined number of F with 6 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 searchlights and 45 trucks	Priestowitz	Krcepelin 6
	13 CB with soldiers, 3 B, sealed, 1 F, empty, and an undetermined number of F with 10 x 85-mm AA guns, 2 searchlights, 1 sedan, 1 field kitchen, 20 trucks and 1 repair shop truck	Priestowitz	Krcepelin 6
23	13 CB with soldiers wearing black epaulets, 1 B, and an undetermined number of F with 14 x 85-mm AT guns, 1 sedan, 1 field kitchen, 30 trucks and 1 repair shop truck	Altengrabow	Rostock 7
	11 CB with soldiers, 1 B with a guard detail, and an undetermined number of F with 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 1 sedan, 2 jeeps, 1 ambulance, 31 trucks and 2 repair shop trucks	Altengrabow	Rostock 7
26	13 CB with soldiers, 2 B, 7 F, empty, 12 G, empty, and an undetermined number of F with 11 T-34 tanks, 1 sedan, 1 field kitchen, 7 trucks, 1 repair shop truck and 1 motorcycle	Weissenfels	Halldensleben 8
28	13 CB with soldiers, and an undetermined number of F with 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 4 x 122-mm field howitzers, YA-12 prime movers and trucks	Magdeburg-Neustadt	toward Burg 9
30	undetermined	Burg	Oebisfelde 9
	7 CB with soldiers, 1 B and an undetermined number of F with 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 12 YA-12 prime movers, 1 field kitchen, 16 trucks and 1 repair shop truck	Burg	Oebisfelde 9

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop trains probably carried elements of the 4th Gds Arty Brig which moved from Schwerin to Letzling Heath on four troop trains on 17 July 1955 and returned to their home station. [REDACTED] The present report indicates that the troop trains also carried tank details probably of the 74th Tk SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. which had also held firing practices at Letzling Heath. This assumption is confirmed by observations which indicated that the quarters of the regiment in Schwerin were not fully occupied on 26 July 1955. 25X1
2. [REDACTED] Comment. The receiving station indicates that the troop train carried elements of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig. According to previous observations, however, the equipment of the brigade includes medium and heavy AT guns rather than 152-mm gun howitzers. 25X1
3. [REDACTED] Comment. Tank shipments to Altengrabow were also observed in 1954. The tanks were possibly employed for special tasks in connection with artillery firing practices. The tanks have not been identified. It is possible, however, that they belong to the 18th Mecz Div. which is stationed in the southern sector of Letzling Heath. 25X1
4. [REDACTED] Comment. AAA shipments have been repeatedly dispatched from the Halberstadt railroad station. According to the scanty information available, however, no other units were observed in Halberstadt except for the 63d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div. Since the 2503d Gds AAA Regt of the division has been located neither in Hillersleben nor in Magdeburg, it is possible, that the regiment transferred to Halberstadt. Further confirmation is needed. The troop train of the present report probably went to Wustrow. 25X1
5. [REDACTED] Comment. Stendal was probably used as redispersing station. The troop train possibly carried a tank detail of the 7th Gds Tk Div. to the Hillersleben - Salchau firing range at Letzling Heath. 25X1
6. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop trains carried AAA units from the area of the First Gds Mecz Army to Wustrow. 25X1
7. [REDACTED] Comment. The weapons observed and the receiving station indicate that the troop trains carried elements of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig back to Rostock. [REDACTED] the troop train [REDACTED] went from Rostock to Altengrabow on 20 July 1955. 25X1  
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8. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop train probably carried elements of the 17th Gds Tk SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. which returned from firing practice in the southern sector of Letzling Heath. According to observations from Weissenfels, 11 tanks of the regiment were entrained on 21 July. They returned, however, as early as on 24 July 1955. [REDACTED] 25X1  
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9. [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates that the troop trains carried elements of the 304th Arty Brig which probably went to firing practice in the northern sector of Letzling Heath. 25X1

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